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Series Student-Pastor Banquets Being Held

A series of four Student-Pastor banquets is being held currently in the state, in which ministerial students at the four Baptist colleges are guests and hear a program dealing with Baptist life and work. Several attending banquet at Mississippi College are, from left: Rev. Terry Sharp, student pastor of Ebenezer Church in Holmes County; Mrs. Sharp; Dr. Phil McCarty, professor of Bible at MC, who presided; Therman V. Bryant, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor of program, and Dr. Lewis Nobles, MC president who spoke.

Over 1,400 Present For Continental Congress

WASHINGTON — More than 1400 leaders from nine different Baptist groups in the United States and Canada spent the days October 10-13 in a Continental Congress on Evangelism, as a preparation for and part of the Crusade of the Americas, a revival program involving the 24 million Baptists in North, Cen-

tral and South America, which is to come to a climax with simultaneous revivals in all of the countries of the two American continents in 1969.

The meeting was held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., with an Evangelism Rally on Friday night at the Washington Armory.

For the three and one half days the leaders heard messages on evangelism, and participated in conferences on evangelism, witnessing, revivals, and other issues related to the coming Crusade. Top evangelism and church leaders from all of the participating Baptist conventions were among the program personnel.

Two general themes seemed to pervade the whole conference program. They were the world crisis now faced, and Jesus Christ as the only answer to that crisis. The absolute necessity for church action now was made very clear.

In the following paragraphs are gleaned from the various reports coming from the meeting.

Top leaders of two conventions, white and black, agreed in major speeches that the use of military might through police power to quell violence in the streets will never solve America's racial problems.

The similar comments came in speeches at a rally Friday night by the Rev. Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, president of the 11 - million - member Southern Baptist Convention, and by the Rev. Dr. Gardner W. Taylor, immediate past president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Both Criswell and Taylor said that there must come a change in the hearts of the American people, something only Christianity can accomplish, not military or police force.

Gospel Needed

Criswell, pastor of the 15,000 - member First Baptist Church of Dallas, said that political emphasis on law and

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BJC Elects New Chairman

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs elected Homer J. Tucker of New Jersey as its chairman at the semi-annual meeting here. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

Tucker is the first Negro to be named as chairman of the agency that is maintained in the nation's capital by eight Baptist bodies in North America. The Southern Baptist Convention is a major supporter of the committee.

A large portion of the meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee was spent discussing the ways it should serve the various Baptist bodies in the future.

The Baptist Joint Committee is authorized by its sponsoring denominations "to act in the field of public affairs" (1) when a need for conference or negotiation with government arises, (2) when Baptist principles are involved, and (3) when items are referred to it by a Baptist convention or agency.

Among other functions, the committee is empowered "to inform the Baptist constituencies of governmental movements and measures affecting principles held essential to true relations between church and state and the right application of Christianity to the life of the nation."

In the past the committee worked largely in the areas

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Texas Baptist Leader Succumbs

DALLAS (BP) — Wallace Bassett, 83, holder of the longest pastorate in Southern Baptist Annals, died Oct. 8 in the Baylor Medical Center here.

As preacher, administrator, author and denominational and civic leader, Bassett became a legend in his own time. His credits include founder, president and president emeritus of the SBC Annuity Board for a total of 45 years, nearly 50 years as pas-

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Christians Pictured In Worldwide Role

WASHINGTON (BP)—Christian responsibility extends to human problems throughout the world and to all peoples, according to a consensus of 144 Baptist leaders gathered here from seven major Baptist bodies in North America.

Beyond this general agree-

ment opinions varied widely and extended to sharp disagreement on such subjects as conscientious objection to wars, foreign aid, the settlement of international disputes and the relation of the gospel to culture and nationalism.

The 12th annual Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs drew participants from the Southern Baptist Convention (72), American Baptist Convention (34), North American Baptist General Conference (8), Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (7), National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (5), Baptist General Conference (2) and the Baptist Federation of Canada (1). Fifteen others were from churches affiliated with both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The theme of the three-day conclave was "The Role of the Christian Through Church and State in International Relations."

Next year's conference will be on "The Church and Emerging Patterns of Rights and Responsibilities." Major attention will be focused on the problems of dissent and conscientious objectors.

James M. Sapp, director of correlations services for the Baptist Joint Committee, was the conference coordinator. He pointed out that none of the findings of the conference

were official or binding on any Baptist body. The conference reports are given to the Baptist Joint Committee for whatever help it may find in them in the consideration of future policy.

The purpose of the annual conferences for the past decade has been to provide a forum for discussion of principles and practices by Baptists on current church-state issues facing the denominations, according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee.

The conference section on personal freedom agreed on five basic principles to guide the Christian in relation to public and international issues:

1. "The freedom of the Christian is limited by the dual Love Commandment of Jesus." This principle, the section said, not only grants to

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Montana Group In Annual Meet

By W. R. Roberts
Annuity Secretary for Miss.

It was my privilege on October 8 to represent our convention to the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship. What a fellowship! It is said that misery loves company or that there is fellowship in suffering. Both of these are true in Montana. Those who lead in the work have miserable facilities in many places and some really suffer to serve the Lord in Montana. Are they complaining? No! I did not hear a word of complaint

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Miss Faye Pearson (left) and Miss Rebecca Skinner, new Southern Baptist missionaries, look for information about countries where they will serve.

State Natives Named As Missionaries

RICHMOND, VA. — Two natives of Mississippi were named as new missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting. They were among 30 persons who were given overseas assignments.

Miss Rebecca Skinner, of Union, Miss., was appointed missionary to East Africa. She is currently a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Skinner, a registered nurse, graduated from Gilroy School of Nursing, Jackson, Miss., and holds the bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

She told the Foreign Mission Board that nursing school brought an important change to her life. "There I began my greatest growth as a Christian and sensed God's leading me into foreign missions," she said.

In college she represented the Alabama Baptist Student Union as a summer missionary to Nalerigu, Ghana. "For 10 weeks I worked in the 72-

bed Baptist hospital and knew that God had brought me there," she told the Board. "My doubts about the future were over. What I saw and felt there reached the depths of my being."

Following college Miss Skinner worked for a year at Hinds General Hospital in Jackson, Miss., first as a staff nurse and later as head nurse in a 25-bed unit. Since entering Southern Seminary this year she has worked part time on the nursing staff of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville.

Miss Faye Pearson, of Oklahoma City, was appointed a missionary to Taiwan on October 8 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Currently director of Young Woman's Auxiliary of Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma, she expects to work with students and possibly to assist women's organizations.

Miss Pearson, native of Laurel, Miss., told the Foreign Mission Board that her desire to work in overseas missions dates back to her experiences in the Girls' Auxiliary of her church, particularly to

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Twin Conventions To Be Held Dec. 30-31

Dr. Ralph Langley and Rev. Homer Martinez, two outstanding speakers, have been secured for Mississippi's Twin Conventions to be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, December 30-31.

The two conventions, a Youth Convention for Intermediates and Young People, and a Training Union Leadership Convention for adults will be held simultaneously but each will have its own program.

Dr. Langley, pastor of the Willow Meadow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, is well known both to youth and leadership groups in Mississippi. He has appeared as featured speaker at Youth Night of the Convention, the Mississippi Baptist Convention program, and the Dedicated youth Conference.

Mr. Martinez, who like his brother Angel, has served effectively for several years as a full-time evangelist, is one of the more sought after speakers for programs such as these conventions. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas, but his sphere of work is the entire Southern Baptist Convention. He is well known in Mississippi for his evangelistic preaching.

These two will highlight the program personnel for two days of activities for adults

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Dr. Ralph Langley



Rev. Homer Martinez



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Open Letter to All
Mississippi Baptists

Dear Fellow Workers:

The Convention last November approved the recommendation of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board that our 1968 Cooperative Program goal for World Missions be \$3,800,000.00. Each of us recognized that this goal was a real challenge and that all must give more if we were to reach it.

We now find that we can reach this goal if the churches will contribute \$456,109.00 in October. If accomplished this would set a new record for contributions in one year.

Let us urge every church to send whatever mission monies is available to the Board office at the earliest possible time.

The contributions to be counted in this year's record must be in the treasurer's office by Wednesday, October 30.

For the benefit of all our mission work, as well as the missionaries who look to us for support, won't you help your church do its very best?

Yours in Christ's Service,

W. Leon Moore

Chairman, ABA Committee

D. C. Appligat

President of the Convention Board

W. Douglas Lytle

Chairman, Executive Committee

Claird Townsend

President of the Convention

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a decision made at the age of 12.

"As I attended GAs I learned that God loved not only me but all people," she said. "I was challenged by this. For the first time in my life I sensed the urgency of the Great Commission."

"During my college years, though I sometimes thought God wanted me in other vocations, I always came back to the point of knowing without doubt that he was calling me to serve him as a missionary," she explained.

"She was a student missionary under the Baptist Home Mission Board for three summers, in Arkansas, Florida, and California. 'These were wonderful experiences for me,' she said. 'I grew emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.'"

She summed up her convictions: "As I look back, I know God has led me one step at a time to this place in my life, and that he will lead and guide my future."

Miss Pearson has the bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from McNeese State College, Lake Charles, La., and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Following graduation from the seminary in 1963, she worked for a year and a half as educational director of University Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark. She had secretarial positions at McNeese State College and taught in an elementary school in Lake Charles.



1st, Pontotoc, Dedicates Education Building

On Sunday, September 29, First Church, Pontotoc, held services of dedication for a new quarter million dollar educational building. The four-story building, of steel and masonry construction, contains approximately 17,000 square feet of floor space, and is completely air-conditioned.

The building and furnishings cost approximately \$265,000, and about half that

amount has already been given. The completion of this building brings the total value of the church's property to more than \$700,000.

Several hundred people participated in the Dedication Day activities, including an "Open House" on Sunday afternoon.

In addition to contributing over \$130,000 to the building fund during the past six years, the church has in-

creased its mission gifts each year, with total mission giving last year alone amounting to more than \$32,000.

Dr. W. Levon Moore is the pastor.

"Through the Cooperative Program Baptists are able to establish churches where they are needed and to strengthen weak churches," — W. E. Grindstaff in *Principles of Stewardship Development* (Convention Press, 1967)

Church Bond Companies Pledge Fair Practice

Thirty-five firms, dealers in the issuance and sale of church and religious institutional bonds, were represented at the second annual convention of NACIFO—National Association of Church and Institutional Financing Organizations — meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, September 24 and 25.

During the two-day session, members (underwriters, broker-dealers, and financing program supervisors from over the United States) dealt with problems peculiar to the church and religious institutional financing industry.

Actions taken by the group included unanimous adoption of resolutions which

- (1) pledged each member firm to fair practice and self-disciplinary guidelines as set up by NACIFO
- (2) urged securities officials to work with NACIFO to develop uniform registration requirements of all bond companies with state and federal regulatory authorities
- (3) urged securities officials to work with NACIFO to develop uniform requirements for full disclosure of all pertinent facts on each bond issue in a prospectus or offering circular which would be given to each prospective bond purchaser
- (4) set up a grievance committee whereby complaints against member firms could be heard and dealt with at a regional level and, if not settled, taken further to the national Board of Governors for possible censure, probation, suspension or expulsion of the firm should guilt be proved
- (5) appropriated a fund with which to engage the services of a recognized independent agency to promulgate a licensing examination appropriate for those engaged solely in the field of church and not-for-profit institutional securities.

These resolutions are to be presented to the National Association of Securities Commissioners at their meeting in Miami in October.

Keynote speaker for the occasion was Don S. Smith, Securities Commissioner, State of Arkansas, and Chairman, Committee of Bond Financing, Midwest Securities Commissioner's Association, whose subject was "Kinship of Privilege and Responsibility." A question and answer session followed in which members were given opportunity to discuss ways and means of closer cooperation and liai-

son with state and federal regulatory bodies and with religious denominational leaders.

Newly elected officers of NACIFO are: K. G. Marsden, West Bend, Wisconsin, Chairman; William R. Sarsgard, Fort Worth, Texas, Vice-Chairman; and Byron E. Ray, Shreveport, Louisiana, Secretary-Treasurer. Other Board of Governors members include Joseph K. Booth, Atlanta, Georgia; Searcy Bracewell, Houston, Texas; James Coughlin, Denver, Colorado; H. Jere Huey, Nashville, Tennessee; and Robert E. Walsh, St. Louis, Missouri.

Platforms Said Weak On Church-State

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS) —Neither the Republican nor the Democratic party platforms have taken a positive stand on the separation of church and state, according to an article in the current issue of a national magazine published here.

The October issue of "Church & State," monthly publication of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, carried an editorial comparing the church-state aspects of the two party platforms.

The article stated: "It was not so much a question as to which was better, but rather as to which was worse. Some separatists argued that the Democratic platform was 'less bad' than the Republican because it was more ambiguous as, for example, on the issue of Federal aid to education."

The article noted, however, that the Democrats simply endorsed more Federal aid to community-controlled schools, which doubtless includes private schools without mentioning them as such. It was noted that the Democrats did

promise the "full funding" of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 under which various forms of Federal aid have been flowing to sectarian schools.

On the other hand, the article stated that: "The Republicans in a bid for 'Catholic votes' hit it harder. They specifically promised aid to 'non-public school children' and that officials of sectarian schools would share with public officials in the planning process, which means the distribution of the money."

The Republican Platform also states that if parochial aid could not be administered by state agencies because of state constitutional provisions, the Federal government should step in and do the job.

Southern Adds 2 To News Staff

LOUISVILLE (BP)—James E. Ballard of Florence, S.C., and Gene Jester of Irving, Tex., have been named to direct the news bureau at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

1400 Present for Congress

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order, though necessary, is only a means of temporary expedience. "Our only hope lies in preaching the gospel, and this is our assignment," he told the 2,500 Baptists from nine different conventions.

Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., decried "men in high offices" who are going up and down the country "preying on the prejudices of the people, fanning fires of insecurity, and breeding segments of hostility in the land."

"It really doesn't matter who is elected President of the United States," Taylor observed, "for the problems of our world will not be solved by political process."

The Negro pastor observed that what is wrong with the nation goes much deeper than any political process, adding that the nation "seems determined to go to hell."

"We talk about more police authority and soldiers," he said, "but there is enough of that. Something is profoundly wrong in the hearts of the people."

Saying that all attempts to fashion a new society have failed, Taylor stated that the nation seems more divided today than at any time since the Civil War.

"There is spread over our land a terrible gloom of uncertainty, and we are unsure of our destiny. Nobody knows where we are going if anywhere," Taylor said.

"No answers come that will save us, except through the gospel," Taylor concluded. "There is a hope rooted in the gospel, no matter how deep we are in the morass of the swamp in which we have wandered."

The rally also featured singing by a mass choir composed of Baptists from the District of Columbia area, led by Claude Rhea of the SBC and a solo by Robert Bradley, music director for the National Baptist (Negro) Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Autrey Speaks
A Southern Baptist evangelist leader, closing the first session of the Congress, charged the Baptist press with dividing the denomination through a socialistic emphasis.

C. E. Autrey of Atlanta likened the Baptist press with the secular press, which he said is "doing all in its power to split this country with socialism."

"As the secular press is building socialism, so the Baptist press is trying to build a socialistic emphasis into the denomination."

The director of the division of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the SBC then

added, "Redemption comes first, all else is secondary."

He suggested that the Baptist press "tell it like it is, tell the good things God's people are doing. We must stop those who would side track us."

When questioned about his use of "Baptist press" Autrey explained that he was referring to "many of our publications, state papers and magazines."

The thread of the social relevance of the gospel wove its way throughout the opening session. American Baptist Carl Tiller of Washington spoke to both extremes when he praised the three objectives of the Crusade: spiritual renewal, evangelism, and establishment of moral bases to better mankind's welfare.

Tiller, an advisor on budgetary development for the U.S. Bureau of the Budget, took issue with those who label social involvement as "Communist influence." He said the facts are just reversed. "It is the policy of Communist governments everywhere to see that the churches in their nations are irrelevant to the society in which they find themselves."

"So those who would stop the church from seeking to be relevant, are themselves taking a Communist path."

He also took issue with the other extreme: "They make their whole witness one of social action, and leave out the underlying matters of Christian conversion and conviction that alone give a sound foundation for social action."

In an address on the first night Rubens Lopes of Brazil, who is credited with the origination of the mammoth crusade, passed up the use of a translator, and spoke in an English that delighted the delegates.

He characterized the crusade with the words "integration, dynamic, and evangelistic." He said it integrates churches, laymen, nations, languages, and races.

"What is the color of the soul?" he asked. "I don't know, but I know the color of the heart is red, like the blood of Jesus Christ. It is the same red in the black man, the yellow, the brown, the man, the woman, the child."

He lashed out at apathy and the loss of a dynamic religion. "We are like a lion who has lost his teeth, and his claws," he said. "We are like soldiers who have changed their uniforms for pajamas."

Blessitt On Program
A speech and group discussion on "gut-level witnessing" among hippies and runaway youngsters, jolted the Continental Congress on Evangelism here off the inspirational theological tracks (Friday afternoon).

Decrying an apparent growing controversy among the nine Baptist groups participating in the congress concerning conflict between social action and evangelism, Sunset Strip Evangelistic Arthur Blessitt of Hollywood, Calif., urged Christians to be concerned about youth in trouble.

"I don't care about that controversy — if we are Christian, we won't have a controversy. We'll just be Christian and we will love."

Turning the emphasis of the conference to youth, Blessitt said young people "are bored to death."

"Young people are searching for the truth, a deep spiritual experience," he said, "not a new Mustang or a bigger bank account."

"Marahishi turned the Beatles from LSD to meditation; we must tell the world that Jesus can give a new life."

Blessitt said he had seen young people hooked on drugs kick the habit immediately upon acceptance of Christ.

"We have toilet services," he said. "We can get 18 in there. We pray, we read a scripture and then everyone throws their drugs in the toilet and we flush them away. Then we sing: 'Gone, gone, gone, gone, all my pills are gone!'"

He added: "There's nothing so bad that a lot of witnessing won't take care of."

If the young people are sitting on the curb drinking beer, he said, the Christian should sit down by them and tell them "they should be drinking Jesus — he takes you up higher and keeps you up there longer."

In a panel discussion with Blessitt later, Haight-Ashbury evangelist Ron Willis said:

"Young people don't want another party or a barbecue or another place to play. They are asking for involvement. They are saying, let us use our education, our advantages, and go into the inner city. They are saying, if a man is illiterate, let me teach him to read."

Willis, pastor from Oakland, Calif., who works the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, said he was more concerned about the "cold, long winter than the long hot summer" when young people are spending summer holiday periods in some forms of involvement and then come back to churches who only "pat them on the back on youth Sunday."

He added: "Don't talk to young people, talk with them. They don't want involvement with each other, they want involvement with the world."

Blessitt had several recommendations for church ministries. He recommended 24-hour ministries, with pastors working in shifts and advertisements announcing where

someone can get help.

"Specifically, young people need to know where they can go for help and they need to know where there is a place to go."

"We ought to at least have a place that stays open as long as the bars. Churches are made more for the convenience of church members these days."

Blessitt operates an interdenominational gospel nightclub on Sunset Strip in Hollywood called His Place. Food and drinks are served free every night, as is preaching. His evangelism organization also operates a halfway house for converts who come from the streets.

Blessitt told of conducting witnessing revivals in churches and going out with young people on Sunday afternoons.

"We go around together telling every young person we see that there's going to be a rapid dialogue session at the church tonight about Jesus. We've never done it except that it has doubled training union attendance," he said.

Willis said Christians need to get away from the concept of being at a superior level and "stooping into levels of sin" to reach people.

"That's bull. I am a sinner. I have to receive people just as they are because that is how the Christ received me."

Both Blessitt and Willis talked about young people rebelling from Baptist homes.

Blessitt said: "Probably two-thirds of the topless dancers on the strip are from a Baptist or a Pentecostal background. I don't know what it is — when we backslide, we go all the way to the bottom."

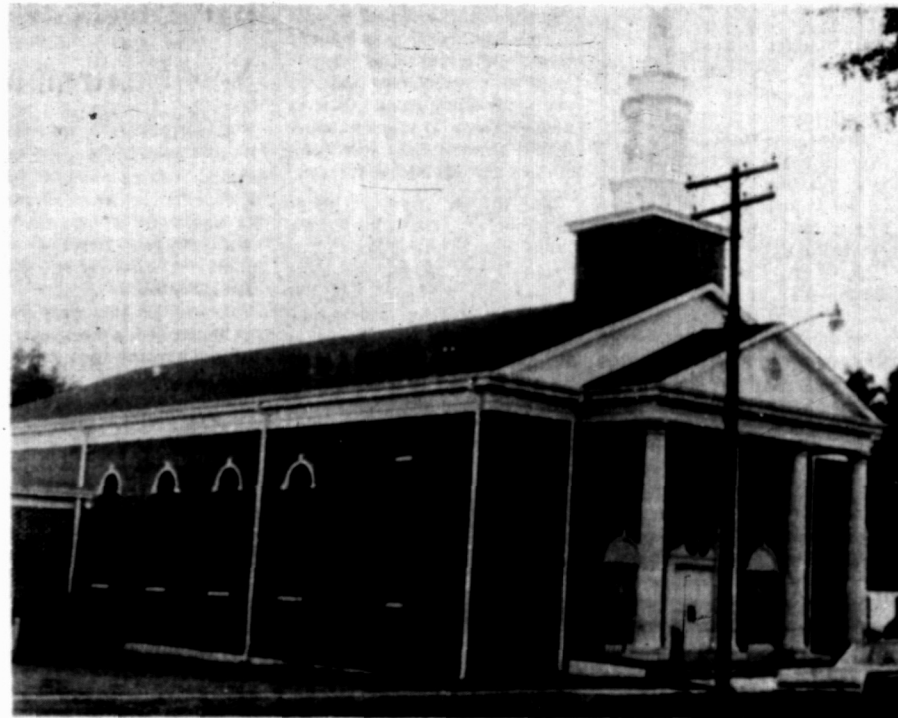
Willis told about a young man from a Baptist home who said he hated his father "because he won't extend to me the compassion and forgiveness that he extends to the young people he works with at church."

He urged the Baptist churchmen to think about the "prodigals who want to come back but can't."

"The church — that place of warmth and comfort — is so often not open to them. They are not received back. If a girl is pregnant and sent away and then comes back, she probably will be isolated by you."

"Too many pastors and parents talk about addicts or other troubled youngsters contaminating the youth of the church — that speaks of a weak Jesus."

May the Lord give you joy always. I say it again: rejoice! — PHILIPPIANS 4:4 (Good News for Modern Man)



Clarke-Venable To Dedicate Sanctuary

The new sanctuary at Clarke-Venable, Decatur, will be dedicated Sunday, October 20. Rev. Curtis Miller and Rev. Howard Taylor, former pastors, will be on program. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall, which was the former sanctuary.

"Upon this rock I will build my church," said the Master to a small group of men who followed him during his earthly ministry. Another small group of Christians, 10 in number, demonstrated their faith in that declaration.

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Building for the Master has been an unannounced theme for the congregation. From the first small sanctuary built

in 1836 to the four buildings that make the church complete today, the members have successfully executed seven building programs. The crowning joy is a new sanctuary, the steeple of which is a reminder to the community of its purpose to point people Godward.

When the church was fourteen years old, it was moved to Decatur with the name Decatur Regular Baptist Church. The members worshipped in a new building that served the needs until 1886. Another building program resulted in another new church at present location in 1927. Growing in membership, and in services, the church erected the first unit of its educational building in 1944. Soon another unit was added and a most immediately a fund was begun for the magnificent sanctuary recently completed.

The church has had able leadership from the first elders to the pastor today. N. L. Clarke, a pioneer preacher and educator in the country, was one of the first pastors, and served fifty-eight years,

Those following him included J. A. Johnston, W. B. Sansing, E. J. Hill, F. M. Breland, and L. Bracy Campbell. Dr. R. A. Venable became pastor in 1916 and served until 1927. It was under his leadership the church was moved to the present location.

J. E. McGraw followed Dr. Venable. He served from 1928 to 1939. The church went to half-time in 1930 under his leadership. Then came C. B. Hamlett, III, W. A. Hogan, John W. Cook, Curtis Miller, Howard Taylor, and Fred Fowler, present pastor.

The complex today consists of a sanctuary, an educational building, a youth building, and a pastors' home.

The present congregation feels a sense of dedication not only to God's purpose for the church, but also to the ten courageous Baptists who met that first Sunday in August, 1836, to build with mortar and stone and with their lives a local church to serve the Christ who has said, "Upon this rock I will build my church," and to claim his promise, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

other persons equal freedom, but also often voluntarily restricts the exercise of one's personal freedom.

2. "A Christian is obligated to obey and respect the laws of the state except that where the demands of God conflict with said laws the Christian must give priority to God."

According to the section consensus this principle would under certain circumstances require the Christian to practice passive resistance or engage in civil disobedience. According to this principle the section said that Baptists should support conscientious objectors to war, although there was no agreement on support for conscientious objectors to a particular war.

3. "The Christian has an obligation to participate actively and intelligently in the political process."

4. "The Christian should influence government policy so that in relation to other nations personal freedom is advanced and human needs are met."

5. "The Christian should strive to use governmental power to encourage self-determination by all peoples of the world, this being, in our view, of highest value."

This principle, the section said, should encourage the church to provide a means for discussing such crises as Vietnam, Biafra, Eastern Europe and the Near East. Also it said that the churches should distribute widely information on the United Nations.

The section on the Christian in Economic Development of Nations agreed that Christians have a positive role both through church and state to express their concerns for people.

Ten Guidelines

Among ten suggested guidelines this section said that "the Christian conscience must endorse and support birth control programs in developing nations, leaving always the implementation of such information to the individual conscience and will."

In the context of economic development of peoples this section also said that "the relevant church of today should support such agencies as the United Nations, the World Bank and the World Council of Churches, which provide structural forms within and through which men may begin to act in the context of membership in a world community."

Questions addressed by the other sections of the conference include:

—Settlement of international disputes: "What constructive suggestions for the settlement of international disputes do Christians really favor?"

—Christian political role in international policy: "What religious or political activities regarding international relations commend themselves as Christian witness in the modern world?"

—Problems of culture and nationalism: "How can the church be basically international under God, without becoming nationalistic in its value system?"

The reports of the five sections of the conference were read and discussed before the final plenary session. No votes of approval or disapproval were taken by the whole conference. The reports are filed with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for information and for future study.

Outside of the fact that the questions were fully discussed for three days by responsible Baptist leaders, the findings of the various sections are unofficial and are not definitive positions, Mr. Sapp, the conference coordinator reiterated.

Waynesboro Man Receives Honor

Dr. W. W. Walley, active Baptist layman of Waynesboro, was the recipient recently of a Certificate of Merit from the London office of Dictionary of International Biography.

The presentation was made at the local Rotary Club by Tom Stevens, president, who read the certificate as follows: "This Certificate of Merit proclaimed throughout the world is awarded to W. W. Walley, M.D., for distinguished service by his Civic and Christian activities and is the subject of notice in volume V Dictionary of International Biography." It was dated 26th July 1968 and signed by J. Fourasari, Registrar.

A Sunday School Board Feature

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. To keep accurate statistics on the convention's 11 and one-half million members is the job of Martin Bradley, secretary, research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board, and his staff.

Working with church clerks from nearly 24,000 Southern Baptist churches, Bradley and his staff received church letters from about 33,500 out of 34,147 churches for their last annual church report.

The "Quarterly Review," published every three months, contains information compiled by the research and statistics department. The July-August-September issue is called the "Southern Baptist Handbook" because it contains a compilation of the previous years' convention statistics together with charts and tables that portray trends within the convention.

The purpose of the research and statistics department is: first, to procure, tabulate, analyze, and disseminate denominational statistics; and second, to provide a research service to denominational agencies and state conventions which includes conducting surveys and other studies.

Past projects have included analyzing of population shifts and their effects on convention work, discerning Biblical knowledge of Baptist families and finding Baptist pastors' attitudes toward the public press.

In a survey of Southern Baptist leaders, the research and statistics department supplied information relative to understanding the Sunday School Board's programs of work.

Among other statistics, it was discovered that 58 percent of those who responded to the survey had the misconception that the board re-

"In my past ministry as a pastor, nothing thrilled me more than seeing our people grow in this grace also. We soon grew away from the idea that ten percent was an acceptable amount to give to the Cooperative Program. It has been proven to me again and again that as our gifts to missions, the Cooperative Program, were increased, the windows of heaven were widely opened upon us. The Lord increased his blessings upon us. Our fellowship as a church member was enhanced; soul-winning was increased, and our financial budget established and enlarged." — Garrett Graham, pastor, Middlebelt Baptist Church, Inkster, Michigan.

Working with church clerks from nearly 24,000 Southern Baptist churches, Bradley and his staff received church letters from about 33,500 out of 34,147 churches for their last annual church report.

The purpose of the research and statistics department is: first, to procure, tabulate, analyze, and disseminate denominational statistics; and second, to provide a research service to denominational agencies and state conventions which includes conducting surveys and other studies.

Past projects have included analyzing of population shifts and their effects on convention work, discerning Biblical knowledge of Baptist families and finding Baptist pastors' attitudes toward the public press.

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ceives money through the Cooperative Program.

A study of growing churches and declining churches revealed helpful information for pastors and other church leaders, such as the fact that more of the growing churches had a definite, regular visitation time. Also a higher percentage of the pastors and leaders from growing churches than

from declining churches think that adult Sunday school classes with fewer than 25 members grow faster.

"I think there will be the continuation of dependence on the information obtained from research," said Bradley.

"This is a way of involving the masses of Southern Baptist people in program planning and evaluation. Conven-

tion leaders will continue to be sensitive to the needs and desires of the Southern Baptist constituency," he added.

In a study of attitudes toward the Southern Baptist Convention, a majority of respondents gave assent to the suggestions that Southern Baptist churches and organizations were afraid to face controversial issues. Pastors and

other church staff members showed more agreement with this than did laymen.

The same study revealed that 55 percent of Southern Baptists are opposed to federal aid to Baptist colleges in the form of loans. A still larger portion, 75 percent, are opposed to federal funds in the form of outright grants.

"The research and statistics department will continue to aid Southern Baptists in reaching people for Christ as new ways of tapping trends and patterns of thought are discovered," said Bradley.



THE OLD SANCTUARY of First Church, Gulfport, is shown engulfed in smoke, as it was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon of last week.

Fire Destroys Old Sanctuary Of First Church, Gulfport

With masses of spectators watching Saturday afternoon of last week, flames destroyed the 53-year-old original sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Gulfport.

The \$250,000 building, a landmark in the downtown Gulfport since it was completed in 1915, was reduced to a few brick walls and a mass of rubble.

The recently completed \$1.250,000 sanctuary and educational facilities adjoining it were left relatively unscratched by the devastating blaze.

Reported to the Gulfport fire department at 1:54 p. m. by a church staff member after having been discovered by a volunteer worker, the dense blowing smoke soon began pouring out from under eaves, around the roof of the dome sanctuary.

The sanctuary has been used for classroom space since the newer facilities were occupied last February. Downtown shoppers flocked to

the mid-afternoon fire, lining the sidewalks around the nearly 1 square block church complex, often hampering efforts by firemen at combating the blaze.

They watched through the afternoon as the brick and wood frame structure tumbled carrying with it many years of memories for generations of Gulfport church members.

Eight Gulfport engine companies responded to the blaze assisted by units from neighboring cities and all available off-duty firemen.

The cause of the fire could not be determined but the rapidly spreading flames were believed to have started in the sub-story area near the northeast corner.

The circular sanctuary was soon engulfed by flames but the rest of the massive church complex was saved by the skilled efforts of fire fighters utilizing a maze of hose lines, portable breathing apparatuses, area ladders, and modern equipment. Firemen were able to contain the fire within the three-level old sanctuary building.

Judson Nowotny, minister of education summoned to investigate, later told newsmen he went into the building but could not see any fire because of the smoke being so thick. "I heard flames crackling like a woods afire."

Mr. Nowotny said that other property lost included visual aids, printing and mimeographing equipment, seven pianos and the organ.

Saw Smoke
Mrs. Blair Scribbling a worker of the Nixon for President campaign headquarters located across the street from the old sanctuary, is believed to have been the first to call firemen.

Mrs. Scribbling said she observed smoke coming from behind the church which looked to be coming from the next street, then the smoke spread to the front and she saw it curling out from the top of the sanctuary and immediately called the fire department.

After receiving the report, six pumper units, an area ladder, and the city's newly acquired snorkel unit were dispatched to the fire.

Approximately 55 firemen from Gulfport, including off-duty personnel were engaged in the fight. Units were also dispatched to assist from Long Beach, Biloxi, and Gulfport Seabee Center as well as police, auxiliary policemen and numerous volunteers.

New Building Saved

While the square-shaped old sanctuary building itself was converted to a mass of smoldering ruin, the adjoining old

educational building had relatively slight damage from fire.

Smoke damage was incurred in portions of the new educational facilities to the east as the smoke seeped through the doors and hallways.

Exterior blistering was about all of the damage reported to the new 17 hundred-seat sanctuary, largest on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, separated by only a few feet from the destroyed building.

The older building, first occupied by the church in 1915 after the church itself was organized in 1896 had been used for Sunday school classes, housing about 200 persons in three adult departments.

All of these had been absorbed into other departments for Sunday school the next morning. A house across the street formerly utilizing the office, was pressed into service.

Classes and services were conducted as usual Sunday morning with a normal turnout of about 900 members.

Following the 10:50 a. m. service, however, the congregation walked out, passing in front of the water soaked ruins as though to pay last respects. At least one church member believes almost a miracle in a wind shift helped firemen save the new church.

Winds Switched

Saturday morning the winds were blowing out of the northeast and about noon switched around to the southeast, noted A. L. Rainey, Jr., a deacon. "It couldn't have been any more perfect to protect those other buildings. We have really been thanking the Lord."

Rainey had special kudos for the firemen who really fought that fire. "We are really appreciative of the efforts they made and the protection they gave the other buildings."

No decision has been made yet on immediate disposal of the fire scarred old sanctuary and the official church board is waiting a report from fire inspectors after the fire has been investigated.

An odd incident, prior to the fire, was being investigated. Another deacon, Lewis Fluey, and a group of youngsters were posting promotional Sunday school material in the new church section about noon, when a dark complexioned man of medium build, about 50, wearing a red plaid shirt and carrying what appeared to be a bowling ball bag, appeared at the door to ask directions to another church.

The church workers, a short while later, drove to a hamburger stand for lunch and on returning observed the unidentified man walking northward in the vicinity of the nearby public library building. Re-entering the education-

A. B. C. Division Is Complimented

By J. Clark Hensley

Christian Action Commission

Seventy four stills were seized in Mississippi July 1-Sept. 30, 1968. This is added to the total of 330 for the fiscal year ending June 30 - or 404 in fourteen months.

The A.B.C. Division made 1,336 arrests during the twelve month period—including 417 for bootlegging and 125 for violation of gambling laws. There were 672 convictions with 595 cases left open at the end of the period.

In twelve cases, charges were withdrawn; 26 were dismissed; and in twenty cases, the defendants were found not guilty. Sixty-one beer permits were revoked through their assistance. Five hundred twenty-nine investigations were made with no arrests.

In the distillery seizures for the fifteen months, 10,396 gallons of moonshine were destroyed and 238,078 gallons of mash confiscated.

The Enforcement Division of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and law enforcement officers working with them are to be complimented. Citizens are urged to report probable violations for investigation.

Whether the county is wet or dry, all law enforcement officers are mandated to enforce the law as Governor Johnson, stated, when he signed the law. "We are given the authority and the means to assure the people that the prohibition laws will be enforced and that counties voting dry will be dry without any compromise whatsoever."

Any officer who tells you the dry laws cannot be enforced will not try to enforce the law if your county votes wet. The same people enforce the law either way.

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of religious liberty and separation of church and state. But in recent years the problems of church-state relations have rapidly expanded and have become more complex.

The committee authorized a special committee "to re-study the role of the Baptist Joint Committee and its working relationship with the member communions." This committee will make a report of its findings in October 1969.

Other officers of the Baptist Joint Committee are: C. R. Daley of the Southern Baptist Convention, first vice chairman; G. K. Zimmerman of the North American Baptist General Conference, second vice chairman; and Alton Wheeler of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, recording secretary.

We under-rate that which we do not possess.

Advice is something that the wise don't need and fools won't take.

When in doubt, don't.

al facilities the group shortly afterwards sighted smoke and discovered the old sanctuary fire and summoned firemen. First Baptist Church had planned to tear down the old structure at sometime in the future, to replace it with additional educational and administrative office space.

A spokesman for the church board stated that the facilities were covered by ample fire insurance. Future construction plans have not been decided. The Rev. Joe H. Cothen is interim pastor. Adapted from Gulfport Daily Herald.

Twin Convention-

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and youth in Mississippi's capital city.

For adults there will be a leadership convention featuring the best in inspiration from these speakers along with the best in Training Union methods from some of the best equipped workers to be found. Top rank leaders will be giving conference leadership for all age groups. These will include James Whaley of Kentucky; Bob Cook, Bob Taylor, Margaret Sharp, Forest Watkins, and Nora Padgett of the Sunday School Board; Doris Morgan of North Carolina; Bill King of Texas; Mrs. Lee Gaban of Florida.

For the youth there will be a Youth Convention featuring an outstanding program of inspiration culminating in a presentation of "Good News" at the watch night service on New Year's Eve.

Texas Baptist - -

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tor of Dallas' 6,400-member Cliff Temple Baptist Church and three terms as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Also, trustee, Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, chairman of the Texas Baptist Executive Board, president State Mission Board.

Born Dec. 31, 1884 in Middle Grove, Mo., Bassett attended William Jewell Academy and La Grange College, emerging from the latter school in 1909 with his baccalaureate degree. After study at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City and Newtown Baptist Seminary, Boston, he received a doctor of divinity degree from La Grange in 1916.

Survivors include his widow, three daughters, a son and five grandchildren. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p. m. Oct. 10 at Cliff Temple.

Baylor To Appear On College Bowl

WACO, Tex. (BP)—A team of Baylor University students is scheduled to appear on the nationally - televised General Electric College Bowl, Nov. 30. The appearance will be Baylor's second in eight years.

Baylor first appeared on College Bowl in January of 1961, when they were defeated in the first round by Harvard and William Smith College, Geneva, N.Y.

Glenn R. Capp, chairman of the department of oral communication and the team's coach, said Baylor opponent for the November appearance has not been determined.



J. P. Edmunds

Joins Staff Of Annuity Board

DALLAS — For J. P. Edmunds, retirement lasted only one month! On October 1, he started new duties as representative-at-large on a part-time basis for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, after retiring with 31 years of service with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, Edmunds will work primarily with retired ministers and denominational employees. In addition, he will contact associational and city missionaries, attend pastors conferences and various meetings to keep all informed about the Board's ministry.



Rolling Creek (Clarke) Installs Steeple

Rolling Creek Church of Clarke County has installed a beautiful white fiberglass steeple on the roof of the auditorium. The steeple was constructed in Texas and then brought to the church, and the men of the church installed it. Rev. Jack W. Kinley, pastor, is shown standing by the church sign with the church and new steeple in the background.

The Baptist Record

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Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Christ Is The Only Answer

Last week more than 1400 Baptist leaders from all over the United States and Canada, with a few others from England and South America, gathered in Washington, D. C., for the Continental Congress on Evangelism, planned as a part of, and as preparation for, the coming Crusade of the Americas.

The Crusade of the Americas is a vast revival and evangelistic program, involving the more than 24 million Baptists of every country in this hemisphere, and climaxing with simultaneous revivals in 1969. Participating will be most of the Baptist conventions of the two continents, along with many churches from those conventions which have not voted official participation.

While attendance at the Congress was not as large as had been hoped for, the program was superb, and those who were present, surely must have returned to their homes with a new dedication to try to meet the challenges of the Crusade, and with a new assurance that Baptist groups still are keeping evangelism and personal soul winning at the very heart of their Christian witness.

There seemed to be almost unanimous agreement at the meeting on two things, namely, that the world is in crisis, and that Jesus Christ is the only answer to that crisis. Speaker after speaker emphasized these two truths, and the fact that the major task of the churches is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and win people to faith in him, as Saviour and Lord.

There was full recognition that the whole world is in trouble. The problems not only are national, but also are international. They concern not only the vast urban areas stretching across our lands, but also the rural areas and smaller communities. The crisis concerns nationalism, racial problems, moral issues, breakdown of homes, law and order, youth, and even the churches and denominations themselves. There was unanimous agreement that political action and government programs cannot solve the problems. While social action was touched by some speakers, it was made clear that this is not the real answer to the basic problem, which is sin in men's hearts. Only the power of God, changing the hearts of men, can really change world conditions, and this can come about only through witness to Jesus Christ as the only hope. The proclamation of this message as the task of the churches, was sounded as a clarion call of this Congress.

Outstanding speakers filled the program at every session. Great music was a vital part of each service.

Each session also heard a manifesto, stating some of the Biblical principles, upon which Baptists base their whole Christian witness. Bible study began each day. Conferences gave opportunity for the delegates to talk back and to seek to get at the heart of the problems faced. From the opening session on Thursday night to the closing session on Sunday morning,

the program moved on a high spiritual level, and attendance was good throughout.

The whole spirit of the Congress was expressed in an illustration used by Evangelist John Haggar in opening his message which was the last of the meeting.

He told of being interviewed on television. The interviewer said, after the conversation had continued for some time, "Do I understand you to mean that Jesus Christ is just about the only answer to almost every problem confronting man today?"

"No," I replied, "if I left that impression I apologize and want to correct it right now."

The interviewer said, "I thought I must have misunderstood you. Surely you don't believe that Jesus Christ is just about the only answer to almost every problem confronting man."

"That's right," I said. "I believe that Jesus Christ is the only answer to every problem confronting man today."

That was the spirit of this conference, and we hope that it is the spirit of every Baptist in the Americas.

If it is, we can have a continent wide revival in 1969.

GUEST EDITORIAL— Manifestly Meaningful Meetings

W. G. Stracener, in Florida Baptist Witness

The annual association meetings are important occasions of fellowship and inspiration. They should never be regarded indifferently. To slight or neglect or overlook them is a mistake for any church. Dates should be kept clear so that pastors, church leaders, and especially all elected messengers from the churches may be free to give the association the attention it rightly deserves.

We should like to remind the churches of the importance of three things particularly: the church letter, the messengers and the major emphasis of the new year's work.

The Church Letter

The church letter should be filled out completely and accurately just as soon as possible after the close of the associational year, which was September 30.

Church clerks and those who assist them in gathering and preparing the needed information should take care and pride in filling out these church letters. After all they record the history of Baptist work and progress, of God's blessings upon the church's labors for the year just ended. They are the primary source of information needed by leaders in both the church and the denomination. Every blank left unfilled and every question left unanswered is just that much history lost because of being unrecorded. Of course, if some item of information is simply unobtainable or some listed work is not being conducted by a particular church, this should be no reason for failure to report promptly all that is available. It is a tragic loss to many people when a church fails to send in a letter to the association for its annual meeting and records. Yet every year a few churches over the state fail to send their letters and this disappointing fact must be published in the minutes. Let church letters be carefully compiled, promptly completed and conscientiously sent in for recording.

The Messengers

Each church will be wise to elect its full quota of messengers (as well as any needed alternates) well in advance of the association meeting and urge upon them the importance of attending every possible session of the association. Every church should have messengers present at every session if the greatest good is to be realized from the annual meeting. It is hardly fair, either to the messengers or to the interests of the Kingdom, to wait until just days before the association to elect them. And such action certainly does not magnify the significance of the meeting they are being asked to attend or the body of which they will be a vital part.

The Task Before Us

It is to be hoped that every association will give a major emphasis to the Crusade of the Americas, urging the participation of every last church in the full program of this greatest cooperative evangelistic endeavor ever undertaken by Baptists, or by any other body of Christians for that matter. If this Crusade can be taken seriously by every church in the committed Baptist bodies, it can mean not only the salvation of multiplied thousands of souls but the turning of our nation back toward God and the truth from which so much of it is tragically drifting right now. Evangelism must ever be basic with Baptists. Without concerned cooperative evangelism on the widest possible scale, our nation as well as our denomination will very soon be in dire straits. Without such evangelism, whatever social and economic programs may be launched by either the nation or the denomination will quickly turn into a blight instead of a blessing. Let our people catch the vision that prompted the Crusade of the Americas and we believe they will get enthusiastic about it. The association meeting offers a wonderful opportunity to share this vision and challenge our people to respond.

Let's Go!

Let's go to the association! We will find our love for people being enlarged, our faith in the democratic process being strengthened, and our appreciation for the genius of Baptist cooperation being deepened. We will be blessed by seeing Christians functioning according to the Bible plan of being "laborers together with God," with no authority over them but God's authority and no force being exerted upon them save the force of compelling Christian love. May the Lord help us preserve and strengthen the district association—our basic Baptist unit for fully independent, fully voluntary, yet fully cooperative mission and benevolent action by the churches' combined energies.

AT ALMOST every step in life, we meet with young men from whom we anticipate wonderful things, but of whom, after careful inquiry, we never hear another word. Like certain chintzes, calicoes, and gingham, they show finely on their first newness, but cannot stand the sun and rain, and assume a very sober aspect after washing.—Hawthorne

AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION for world peace will be established not through political diplomats around a peace table, but through Christian teachers in all lands, teaching citizens in Sunday school and public school the sacredness of human life.—J. M. Price

Montana - - -

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or regret. The opposite was true.

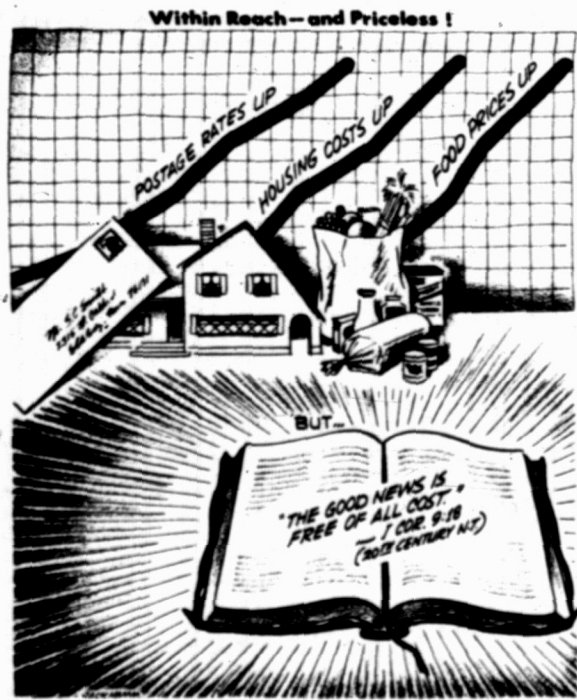
My own heart was warmed and thrilled at what I felt and saw. I saw well trained and capable men of God serving in Montana—men who gave up good, well-salaried pastorates to serve in that great pioneer area. Robert Wall is an example. Robert gave up a good church at Brookhaven. Some years ago Robert had a conference with the late Dr. Quarles and myself about his decision to give up his church and go where there was no church and where he didn't know a person. Now I know why. Robert and I had a meal together at Butte on October 8. The joy that he shared with me over victories won for Christ at Kalispell, Montana explains his decision to go there. It has been a cold country weatherwise and cold spiritually, but God took care of him.

I was greatly impressed with the caliber of the leadership—both pastors, laymen and women. These people are the very choicest that you will ever find. The business of this fellowship was carried on in a most expeditious manner. No one seemed to be inclined to try to "run" the fellowship. There was no evidence of any one trying to "back for rank." The love and respect that each had for the other was amazing. When a committee made a report, the fellowship not only accepted the report but expressed appreciation for work done. Only God knows what can be done by people who don't care who gets credit. That seems to be the spirit of these people.

The messages delivered at the fellowship were tremendous. The speakers did their home work and were prepared.

Scores of laymen, women, young people and many churches have contributed time, talents and finances to the Montana work the past 7 years. Surely none will ever do less than has been done. More should be done. Very probably we have not ever made an investment that has been so productive in our mission endeavor.

Practically all the churches are in financial straits. Were it not for generous individuals, churches and the



The Baptist Forum

SAYS CAN BE NO "RELIGIOUS COMPROMISE"

Dear Dr. Odle:

Just a short note of praise for your outstanding editorial

Home Mission Board, they could not carry on. If Mississippi Baptists could know just how much those dear people depend on us, more would be done.

The Fellowship of Montana Baptists has an Operations Committee, who along with their missionary, Brother Leroy Smith, distribute all undesignated contributions. It is my feeling that the wisest way to assist Montana work is to channel funds through this committee. It is not possible for those of us 2,000 miles away to know their most pressing needs. This committee does. In fact, this committee was asked to assume commitments at this meeting with no funds in sight. I would urge any individual or church wishing to contribute to our pioneer work in that state to contact Brother Leroy Smith whose address is P. O. Box 806, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

With a strong agreement with the context of the editorial, I like your use of the term, "in this hour of religious compromise." Of course, there is not such a thing as "religious compromise," for we are either for, or else we must be judged to be against! Therefore, to ignore our doctrinal foundations and to believe that one calling himself a Christian can engage in "compromise" is likely the first long step down to such confusion that no Christian religion then exists. There will be a religious belief—but it will be far from the teachings found in the Holy Bible.

It is my wish that you continue to express these thoughts from time to time, and that such will bring about action on the part of our leaders.

Charles S. Henderson
Kosciusko, Miss.

Cannot Accept Truth In Degrees

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on one of the articles of

JUDGMENT AND REDEMPTION IN ISAIAH by Page H. Kelley (Broadman, paperback, 95 pp.)

This treatment of the key passages of the book of Isaiah is designed to assist pastors and laymen in their understanding of its message of judgment and redemption. It does not pretend to give a thorough study, but seeks to create on the part of the readers a desire to pursue the study further. The writer is professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary.

SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS WERE ADDICTS by Virginia Ely (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$3.50)

Firsthand experiences from a Federal hospital for narcotic addicts, written by one who has worked for sixteen years

"Doctrinal Emphasis" in the Thursday, October 3, 1968 issue. The article is "One Vote for Doctrinal Preaching" and written by J. H. Tuten.

In the third paragraph Dr. Tuten defines truth in four different degrees. I cannot accept this as valid. Truth stands as truth and anything less than truth is untrue. I cannot accept truth in degrees any more than I can accept sin in degrees.

Instead of degrees, I find that Truth varies in terms of relevancy. The Bible is only a portion of God's Will, but it is relevant to the salvation of man. I find also, that All is relevant; everything individually and collectively, which is characteristic in nature, that concerns life manifested. I offer this definition of the Bible:

Truth — relevant to God's Will; sufficient for man.

Have you ever considered an electronic computer as a truth machine? A successful computer programmer is sure to appreciate truth in order to be successful. Try programming a machine with information less than fact or truth. How will this affect the machine's output?

Mack L. Shelton
Gautier, Miss.

Newest In Books

among the patients. Filled with moving stories of tragedy and heartache, this story offers insight and understanding into the growing problem which endangers the youth of this nation. The author recently retired from her position as Medical Librarian at the Clinical Research Center, formerly known as U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas.

FLORAL ART, IN THE CHURCH by Jack Inman (Abingdon, 192 pp., \$6.95)

Every church, large or small, can add to the beauty and impact of floral arrangements with a little foresight and basic information in the symbolic use of floral material. This beautifully illustrated, colorful, and comprehensive guidebook offers instructions for making 84 different arrangements, and gives the symbolic meaning of each. There are special arrangements for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, and other special days during the church year.

SERMONS FROM THANKSGIVING TO EASTER by David A. MacLennan (Judson Press, \$3.95, 156 pp.)

As the book jacket says, "Here is proof that preaching is not, as some have contended, a lost art." One of America's great pulpits presents in this book a collection of timely and pertinent sermons spanning the church year from late November through April. Included are two significant series of sermons, "Where to Go at Christmas?" and "Enter God" (for Easter-time.) Dr. MacLennan, is senior minister of First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach, Florida.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE AND WHEN JESUS WAS BORN (Printed and published by New Life League in Japan, available in USA from Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, Pa. 35 cents each).

These are bright, colorful little booklets designed to teach small children about the birth of Jesus. Every page has a

picture and almost every picture has cut-outs that can be opened, revealing other pictures underneath. The children will be fascinated.

PERIL BY CHOICE by James C. Hefley (Zondervan, 226 pp., \$4.95)

The story of John and Elaine Beekman, Wycliffe Bible translators in Mexico who translate the New Testament into the language of the Chol Indians, a primitive tribe living in the remote Mexican state of Chiapas. (Wycliffe Bible Translators are the largest evangelical mission serving in Mexico. About 275 members serve 91 tribes.) The Beekmans accomplish their goal, but not without heartbreak, suffering, and persecution. Their story is a triumphant one in spite of the perils, for their translation leads to the charter of a virile church.

ALMOST TWELVE by Kenneth N. Taylor Tyndale House, paperback, 60 pp., \$1)

Simple but complete description of God's means for human reproduction to develop healthy and pure attitudes in children.

1800 QUOTABLE QUOTES by E. C. McKenzie (Baker, paperback, \$1 pp., \$1)

A treasure chest of quotes and quips to spice up speaking, writing, or conversation. Handy for use with church bulletins and bulletin boards.

BIBLE DOCTRINES TO LIVE BY by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 330 pp., \$3.50)

A series of thirteen sermons by Dr. Rice on various Bible themes. As always in Dr. Rice's preaching, the messages are very clear in their outline, completely Bible centered, direct in their application to the individual, and richly illustrated. Among the subjects included are the Sabbaths, Miracles, Evolution, the Baptism of Fullness of the Holy Spirit, and others.

LIVING ON THE GROWING EDGE by Bruce Larson (Zondervan, 114 pp., \$2.95)

A self-help book that suggests new approaches to understanding and accepting God's intentions for our lives.



Education Commission, SBC

There is an unspeakable pleasure attending the life of a voluntary student. — Oliver Goldsmith

"If a campus is completely unfrilled in these tense times, you can be sure it is sliding downhill," says DeWitt Higgs, new chairman of the University of California Board of Regents.

Soon collegians will have to shop for things they'll need at college this fall: helmet, poster paints, gas mask.

Expenditures for education are expected to climb to \$70 billion by 1977, an increase of nearly 50 percent in one decade, according to the U. S. Office of Education.

A United Nations compendium of statistics for 1967 ranks the United States twelfth among the nations in education expenditure. Eleven other countries or territories devote a larger proportion of their budgets to education.

A free "hot line" telephone service providing school administrators throughout the country with instant information on ways of educating disadvantaged pupils will be established in February by the Center for Urban Education (105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016), says the Saturday Review.

Southern Names Dobbins As Emeritus Prof

LOUISVILLE (BP) — The trustees and faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have named Gaines S. Dobbins as emeritus professor of religious education and church administration in honor of his pioneer efforts in the field. The Baptist educator is 82 years old.

Dobbins was on the faculty of Southern seminary for 36 years and was the first dean of the School of Religious Education. After his retirement in 1956, he served for ten years as distinguished professor of church administration at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He is now director of spiritual services for South Haven Nursing Home in Birmingham, Ala., where his wife is receiving care.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

October 21—Kathryn Bearden, director, religious activity, Gilroy School of Nursing; W. W. Stevens, faculty, Miss. College.

October 22—Gerald H. Smith, Monroe County T. U. director; Dan Morton, Clarke College trustee.

October 23—E. R. Jobe, Education Commission; Roy Smith, Baptist student director, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

October 24—W. W. Boggan, Greene - Wayne supt. of missions; J. H. Moore, Alcorn supt. of missions.

October 25—Miss June Davis, Wm. P. Davis, Mrs. Shirley Dyess, Leon Emery, Baptist Building employees.

October 26—Ota Stroud, staff, Children's Village; Dick Guyton, staff, Blue Mtn. College.

October 27—Obra Quave, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Helen G. Holmes, Baptist Book Store.

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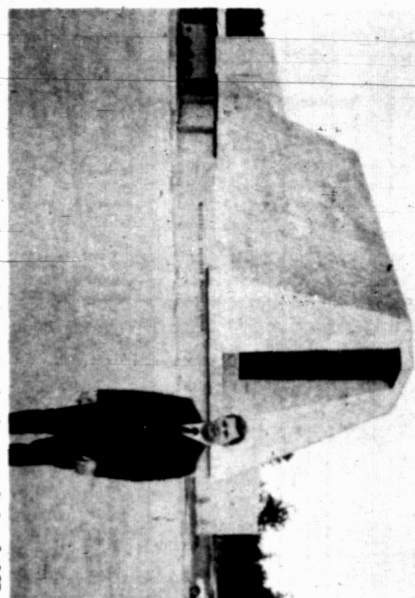


ITTERS ENROLMENT WEEK brought about a 50% increase in offerings at the West Ripley Baptist Church. "As we look upon the results we have had, we enthusiastically and without reservation, recommend this program to all," says Rev. Romy Mitchell, pastor.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

I give thanks unto the Lord for being able to labor on this field full time without holding secular employment. Our family has not experienced the financial sacrifice so many have known on the pioneer field. The Cooperative Program is missions—Gene Fanti, Pioneer Missions, Fredonia, New York

In budget making the Cooperative Program should receive first and major attention. In order that the church may reflect its kingdom concern for the world, goals that increase annually for Cooperative Program causes may turn this plan into a true program of progress.



Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, pledged \$65,000 in a CHURCH BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN. This amount is to be contributed over the budget by the members in a period of 150 weeks. Rev. Carl Savell is pastor.

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ASSOCIATION	574.97	108.70	1164.97	124.70	111.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108.70	108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Conference To Mark One Hundredth Anniversary For Austrian Baptists

By Helmut Habenau
Vienna layman

The 1969 Conference of the European Baptist Federation will have great significance for the small Baptist Union of Austria. For the first time, we will have an opportunity to welcome Baptists from all parts of Europe, and from other continents as well. It is a privilege that we are looking forward to!

We number only 750 members in eight churches. Most of our membership is concentrated in several larger cities. There are a few small mission stations in outlying places. Nine out of 10 people in the Austrian population of 7.4 million are Roman Catholic. Six per cent are Protestant.

Every conference delegate can therefore make an important contribution to the witness and work of Austrian Baptists. The visitors can help make the Baptist name better known and more respected and appreciated.

If the claim is made that around the year 1600 Austria was a Protestant land, it is not far from the truth! In one section known as Lower Austria, Protestants outnumbered Roman Catholics by seven to one. In another region, only two families of the nobility remained loyal Catholics.

The second point to remember is that the counter-Reformation raged savagely for 200 years (1580-1781). It forced the Protestants to return to Catholicism. Or they were martyred for their faith; the number put to death is countless. Other Protestants were exiled from the land; 20,000 Salzburgers were banished between 1731 and 1733.

Hubmaier

In Reformation times, Balthasar Hubmaier was active. His belief was closely related to later emerging Baptist concepts of church doctrine. As a Roman Catholic priest, Hubmaier was a theological professor at Ingolstadt and preacher at Regensburg cathedral.

Gradually, Hubmaier turned toward the teachings of reformers, first Luther and then Zwingli. Finally he became convinced of believers' baptism, and was rebaptized himself on Easter in 1525. When Zwingli published a book on infant baptism, it was eloquently answered by Hubmaier.

In 1526, Hubmaier fled to Moravia, which at that time was a part of Austria. There he strengthened and spread the Anabaptist movement. (At that time, there were about 12,000 Anabaptists in Moravia.) A year later, Ferdinand ordered Hubmaier's arrest and extradition. On arriving in Austria, he was imprisoned in the castle of Kreuzenstein, north of Vienna. On March 10, 1528, he was burned at the stake in Vienna. Three days later, his wife was drowned in the Danube River.

Hubmaier's motto was "God's truth cannot be killed."

The result of the counter-Reformation in Austria was that Anabaptists were exterminated. The remaining few Protestants gathered timidly behind locked doors at night, or they met in caves. This was the so-called Secret Protestantism. By the end of the 16th Century, there were no Protestants left in the Tyrol.

Only slowly and reluctantly did the imperial throne grant Protestants certain concessions to practice their religion. In 1781, under Joseph II, the Charter of Tolerance was issued. In 1861, under Franz Josef I, came the Protestant Charter giving equality of rights. This decree meant free, public exercise of religion and church affairs for the Protestants.

Great Fire

After the great fire in Hamburg, in 1842, many young workmen went from Austria-Hungary to help rebuild the burned city. While there, some came in contact with Baptists in Hamburg. They were converted and baptized. Later, on their return to Austria, they tried to witness by distributing tracts and holding Bible classes.

But nowhere did this result in forming a real church. The first believers' baptism took

place, reports say, on October 28, 1847 in Vienna, when the Wisotzky couple was baptized.

A year later, the pioneer of Baptist work in Germany (who influenced many surrounding countries as well), Johann Gerhard Oncken, undertook a mission journey to Austria-Hungary. He conducted meetings in Vienna and Budapest. At that time, meetings took place also in Graz (now the second largest city of Austria) in the apartment occupied by the Wisotzkys.

Since this house meeting occurred several years before the Protestant Charter granted religious liberty, authorities regarded such a meeting as illegal. Informed of it, the police came and jailed those who attended the services.

In 1849, the director of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Edward Millard, traveled in Austria and Hungary. He made the acquaintance of the small circle in Vienna, and transferred his residence to Vienna in 1851. He became such an irritant, however, to

the Roman Catholics that he was forced to leave Vienna in 1853. Eleven years later, he returned to settle in Vienna.

The next step toward forming a Baptist church in Vienna occurred in 1864. When G. W. Lehmann, another Baptist pioneer, made a mission trip to the Balkans, he baptized five converts during a stopover in Vienna. The converts had been attending a family Bible study circle.

Dec. 20, 1869

Five years later, the German Baptist leader, Oncken, baptized five more believers when he passed through Vienna. On Oncken's advice, the 10 converts united, forming a Baptist church. This event took place on December 20, 1869 in a room of the tower of the Heinrichshof, opposite the Vienna Opera.

This is why the year 1969 is so important to Austrian Baptists, and why it is significant for the Conference of the European Baptist Federation to come to Vienna—to help celebrate this centennial.

At the end of the 19th and the beginnings of the 20th

Century, Baptist mission work in the eastern parts of the existing monarchy made such progress that a number of Baptist churches originated. These included churches in three cities in present-day Czechoslovakia—Prague, Brno, and Bratislava.

The two World Wars of the 20th Century hindered the development of churches considerably. Before World War II, only two Baptist churches existed in Austria. All the remainder were constituted after 1948. The founding and growth of these churches was partly due to the stream of German refugees from eastern Europe.

In 1953, the Union of Baptist Churches in Austria was formed by the five churches in existence at that time. Local church work was begun in 1957 in Graz. The years 1967-8 have been marked by the planning and carrying out of some significant church building programs. These were needed to make meeting places adequate.

In Graz, the new church

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When God Has Clothed The Earth...

Autumn—a time for beauty... when God has clothed the earth with crimson, yellow, orange, and brown: A time for serenity and deep thoughts, for worship as we see God's beauty. A time for mellowing... as we are lavished by God's love. A time for sharing of that love...—Esther Hockman. (RNS Photo)

Baptist Pavilion Statue At HemisFair Borrowed By American Bible Society

By Vy Mailek

A figure of a man on bent knees whose face is uplifted to heaven with a hand raised to God will stand in a dour this winter to be viewed New York street corner windows.

The austere assemblage, already viewed by thousands visiting the Baptist Pavilion at HemisFair, will be borrowed by the American Bible Society to use during its emphasis week in January.

John W. Osberg, assistant secretary of the Society, wrote asking for the sculpture entitled "Man's Search for God" saying the Society

wished to "use this fine piece of work as a witness to the people who pass by this busy Broadway corner."

The seven-foot figure is constructed entirely from discarded portions of old churches from various parts of the

world and various periods in history. Pieces forming the assemblage include stained glass from England, pew column from Oklahoma, carved wood from Massachusetts, chandelier from Louisiana and carvings from Dallas.

BAPTIST SEMINARIANS STUDY BILLY GRAHAM TECHNIQUES

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (EP)—Some 1,200 ministers and seminary students of 40 denominations attended the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's School of Evangelism here during the late summer preaching campaign.

The largest number of "students" was a delegation of 100 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Southern Baptists represented the largest number of enrollees.



Each In His Own Tongue

A haze on the far horizon, the infinite, tender sky, the ripe, rich tint of the cornfields and wild geese sailing high; and all over the upland and lowland, the charm of the goldenrod.—Some of us call it Autumn, and others call it God.—William Herbert Carruth. (RNS Photo)



Drop The Red Leaves.

Gayly chattering to the clattering of the brown nuts downward pattering, leap the squirrels, red and gray. On the grassland, on the fallow, drop the apples, red and yellow; drop the russet pears and mellow, drop the red leaves all the day.—John Greenleaf Whittier (107-1892) (RNS Photo)

How To Kill A Church

Here are ten easy lessons on killing your church. They are simpler than burning down the building. Anyhow, that's not legal; it's known as arson. These methods won't leave a trace—of the church, in fact, not even of you.

1. Talk about the preacher, adversely, that is. Repeat to others.
2. Make no preparations for your church responsibilities. Don't study your lesson, don't take any study courses, etc.
3. Tell you class, union, circle how disappointed you are in the attendance, what they are doing. Keep them discouraged.
4. Don't visit. That's what the preacher is hired to do.
5. Don't give. What does a church need money for?
6. Go places on Sunday. Go anywhere but to church.
7. Take no care of church property. Mess up the building, drive in tacks, write in the hymnals.
8. Refuse to hold an office. Think how little time you have left for yourself.
9. If you do get to Sunday school or Training Union, be sure to leave before the worship hour. Make this a habit.
10. No matter what proposition comes up, object. There's obliged to be something wrong with it; find it!

But remember, as stated above, this procedure will eliminate you spiritually, along with the church.

—Louie Latimer Owens

SCRAPBOOK

The Ant's Evangelism

The story is related of a gentleman who laid a piece of sweetmeat on the table, and then picked up an ant and placed it on the sweetmeat. He was astonished to see the little creature rapidly descend by one of the legs of the table and seek his fellows. They appeared to understand the news. He then at once turned back, followed by a long train of his fellow citizens, and conducted them to the prize. Are there not many who know the sweetness of the Gospel, who might learn a lesson from this ant? If we tasted and seen that the Lord is good, let us do what we can to lead others into this blessing.—Simpson County Herald

The Rainy Day

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
The vine still clings to the mouldering wall,
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
My thoughts still cling to the mouldering Past,
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,
And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1842)

No Brag... Just Facts

Well, it's a fact and that's no sin,
I'm not as spry as I have been,
Teeth all out... I'm all in,
Days I can't catch my wind,
Don't always just sometimes hear,
What folks are saying, with these ears.
Got a worn out digestive track,
Ain't complaining... just a fact.

My hair is thin as all git out,
Feet hurting and I've got the gout,
Hands are plum full of crinkles,
There's no room on my face for wrinkles,
Don't see too well, eyes are dim,
And that's not the half of my whims,
I'm not bad off, grant you that,
Ain't complaining... just a fact!

Silly old girl, you're still you,
Same old tress through and through,
So I put back my teeth in my jaws,
Hooked on my specks with wrinkled paws,
Did up my hair with a wig and a pin,
Took a look at myself and began to grin,
It's all in your thinking... just like that!
No brag... just a fact!

—Mrs. E. H. Harrell, Clarksdale, Miss.

Autumn Fires

In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The gray smoke lowers.

R. L. Stevenson (1885)

BE CONTENT

Let your conversation be without
covetousness; for be content with
such things as ye have

—Hebrews 13:5

ONE FOR THE ROAD

Dear Lord, before I take my place
Today behind the wheel,
Please let me come with humble
heart
Before thy throne to kneel.
And pray, that I am fit to drive
Each busy thoroughfare,
And that I keep a watchful eye
Lest some small child be there.
And keep me thinking constantly
About the Golden Rule
When driving past the playground
zones
Or by some busy school.
Then, when I stop to give someone
His right to cross the street,
Let me, my brother's keeper be
And spare a life that's sweet.
Please make me feel this car I drive
You gave me to enjoy,
And that its purpose is to serve
Mankind—but not destroy.
—From Pilot Club of Jackson



Drawing by Jackie Lowery of Jackson

A wise man may be pinched
by poverty, but only a fool
will be pinched by tight boots.

Wit And Wisdom

The following paragraph
was culled from the American
Farmer, 1860-61:

He that knows useful things,
and not he that knows many
things is the wise man.



Sunless Shadows

The squirrel glows on his accomplish'd hoard,
The ants have brim'd their garner with ripe grain,
And honey bees have stord
The sweets of Summer in their luscious cells;
The swallows all have wing'd across the main;
But here the Autumn melancholy dwells,
And sighs her tearful spells
Amongst the sunless shadows of the plain.

—Thomas Hood (1796-1844) (RNS Photo)

Seven Seminary Profs Take Sabbatical Leave

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Sabbatical leaves have been granted to seven members of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the current academic year.

Two professors are at Oxford University, England. They are James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology, who will be studying historical theology, and Clyde T. Francisco, John R. Sampey Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, who will concentrate on Old Testament studies.

Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Biblical archaeology, will be on leave during the first semester to continue work on an archaeological dig in the Middle East and to spend some time at the University of London in England.

Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian philosophy, will spend part of his first semester leave in England and the remainder at the Theological Union at Berkeley, Calif., to continue his writing and research.

Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion, will spend this academic year on a research sabbatical in relation to the department of psychiatry at the University of Louisville. His project is in the area of the psychopathology of religion.

G. Maurice Hinson, professor of church music, will spend this year at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and at other major libraries in the country to compile research on the history of American piano music.

All state university campuses in the Southeast will be toured by Sabin P. Landry, Jr., professor of religious education, as he examines the place of religion in the university personnel, campus ministries, college town pastors, and students to determine the depth of student involvement in religious life.

Frank Stagg, James Buchanan Harrison Professor of New Testament Interpretation, will study at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, during 1967-68.

Three Couples Form Mission In Portugal

When the recent arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Lester C. Bell, former missionaries to Brazil, increased the ranks of Southern Baptist missionaries in Portugal to six, those three couples organized a mission. Officers are Rev. John M. Herndon, president, Mrs. Bell, secretary, Dr. Grayson C. Tennison, treasurer, and Mrs. Herndon, reporter.

Formerly general secretary of the Brazilian Baptist Convention's executive board, Dr. Bell transferred to Portugal to lead in the establishment of a Bible institute for educating Baptist ministers.

Baptist work in Portugal was pioneered by the Foreign Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in 1908. Southern Baptist missionaries began serving in Portugal as fraternal representatives in 1959, at the request of the Brazilian and Portuguese Baptist Conventions.

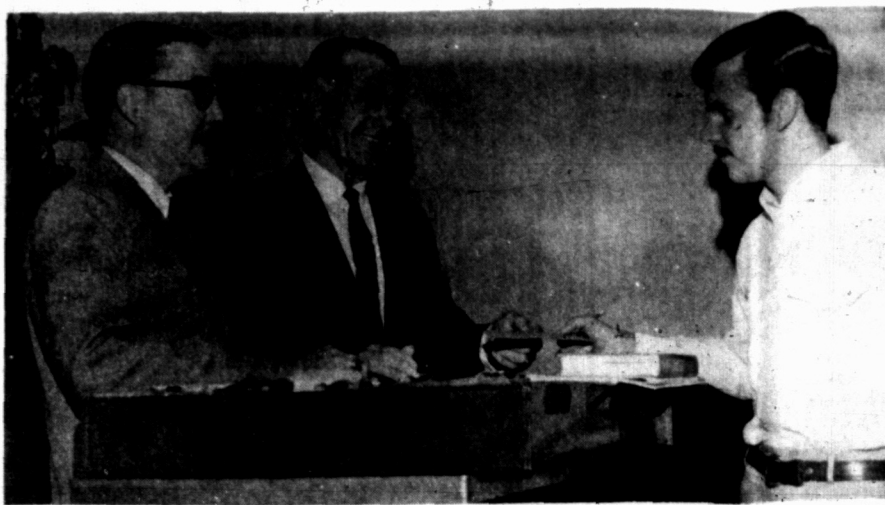
There are more than 1,700 members affiliated with churches and missions of the Portuguese Baptist Convention.

Conference . . .

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building was dedicated. The chapel in Linz is soon to be completed. Work is expected to be started on projects at Vienna-Hütteldorf and Salzburg next.

Youth Center
Recent reports on the relatively numerous professions of faith and baptisms of mostly younger people are noteworthy. The newly inaugurated youth center in Salzburg, and the missionary activity called "Kirche unterwegs" (church "on the move") in the Linz area have contributed much toward making outsiders aware of the gospel. The coming of the Conference of the EBF to Vienna next August will help Austrian Baptists extend even further their outreach and Christian witness. (EBPS)



Mississippi College has recorded a ten percent increase in enrollment for the fall semester with 2,303 students registered for classes. Claiming the distinction of being the 2300th student is Walton Paldelford (right) of Jackson. Handing him his class cards are Van D. Quick (left), director of admissions, and Troy Mohon, registrar. This marks the seventh consecutive year that the Baptist college has shown an increase. (M.C. Photo)

Mississippi College Shows 10% Enrollment Increase

Showing a ten percent increase in enrollment, Mississippi College officials have announced that a record 2,303 students were registered for classes this semester.

Registrar Troy Mohon said the figure for this year betters the record set last year when 2,102 enrollees were recorded. Mohon said this was the seventh consecutive year that the college has shown an increase in first semester enrollment.

Included in the 2,303 students are representatives from 78 of the 82 Mississippi counties, 28 states, and eleven foreign countries.

The largest increase was in the senior class, jumping from 420 enrollees in 1967 to 500 this year. The graduate school, last year's biggest gainer, was second this year. There are 406 students pursuing graduate work this semester as compared with 329 last fall.

The graduate school took a big jump last year — from 258 to 328 — thanks to an expanded program which included the addition of a master of business administration degree. This year further expansion took place with the adding of a master of religion degree, plus the master of education in speech and in business education.

Two other classes showed an increase in enrollment. The junior class was up to 547, an increase of 49 over the previous year, while the sophomore class was up by three, boasting of 358 registrants.

Slight decreases were noted in two categories. The freshman class slipped 12 members, from 441 to 429, while the special student category declined from 79 to 61. The loss in first-year students was attributed to the decrease in the number of high school graduates.

Men students outnumber women students by slightly over 200 overall, but in the graduate school and the special student classifications the women students are the most populous. In the freshman class it is almost even with 214 males and 215 females.

A county-by-county breakdown shows that Hinds County has the largest representation with 926 students. This is an increase of 91 over the corresponding time last year.

Ranking second in numbers is Warren County (Vicksburg), with 106 residents, an increase of 34 over last year.

The only counties not represented in the student body are Carroll, DeSoto, Itawamba and Tishomingo.

In the state-by-state count, Mississippi easily led with 1,985 students. In second place is Florida with 151 students, followed by Louisiana with 83, Tennessee with 51, Alabama with 27 and Georgia with 11.

Other states represented include Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Foreign countries represented in the student body are Iran, Canada, Jordan, Japan, Germany, Indonesia, Spain, Korea, Argentina, and the Canal Zone.

MEN READ 3,000 BOOKS

More than 3,000 books related to Brotherhood principles and methods were read for Church Study Course credit during the first 11 months of the current church year.

The books were all copies of volumes listed under Category 21, newest of the areas for study under the Church Study Course. With only one month remaining in the church year, 3,065 book awards had been earned in this category.

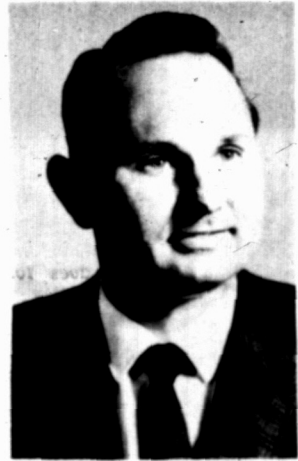
Special interest in the basic Brotherhood manual has been generated by Operation KNOW, a convention-wide plan to acquaint church leaders with all of the church's programs. The Brotherhood Program of a Baptist Church is one of seven books included on the Operation KNOW list.

Tennessee, with 433 awards, led all other states for the third month. Oklahoma and Texas continued in second and third place with 421 and 413 awards respectively.

Church members in seven other states earned more than 100 book awards in the Brotherhood category. The states and their awards were Georgia, 309; Missouri, 236; Florida, 181; North Carolina, 160; Kentucky, 152; Alabama, 117; and Illinois, 113.

Other state conventions and awards earned were Alaska, 6; Arizona, 14; Arkansas, 45; California, 54; Colorado, 18; Hawaii, 13; Indiana, 8; Kansas, 15; Louisiana, 36; Maryland, 18; Michigan, 76; Mississippi, 9; New Mexico, 48; Ohio, 42; Oregon - Washington, 12; South Carolina, 69; North Plains, 2; Utah-Idaho, 1; and Virginia, 41.

Church Study Course awards in all categories through August totaled 696,735.



H. Gordon Shamburger



J. N. Brister

"The Retarded Child Is A Person" To Be Theme of October 24 Clinic

"The Retarded Child Is A Person" the theme of a clinic to be held at Ellisville State School on October 24.

istries of the school by means of a tour, with workers at the school explaining the functions of each department. These departments include dentistry, resident care, vocational activities, psychology, nursing, agriculture, special education, diet, and maintenance.

Also two chaplains, J. N. Brister and H. Gordon Shamburger, will make a presentation concerning the church's ministry to the retarded and his family. This should be very helpful to pastors who are now, or who will be, attempting to help families with retarded children.

Rev. J. N. Brister is chaplain at the VA Center in Jackson. A graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, he has been pastor of churches in Indiana, Virginia, and Mississippi. He has

served as chaplain in the Armed Forces, and as hospital chaplain for approximately eleven years.

Rev. H. Gordon Shamburger is chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he completed a year in clinical pastoral education at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans. He has served as pastor in Brookhaven, McComb, New Orleans, and Jackson. He is a veteran of World War II.

The clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of the school, and will conclude at 3 p.m. The cost will be 75 cents per person for lunch. All interested persons are invited.

This meeting is sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Ellisville State School.

Baptist Group Sets Seminar On National Crisis

CHICAGO (BP)—Solutions, rather than problems, related to the national crisis will be explored in depth in a special seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here early in 1969.

The seminar, which will seek to give Baptist businessmen a first-hand look at problems of the inner city and emphasize solutions, is slated for March 24-26, 1969.

Members of the Christian Life Commission's advisory committee meeting in Nashville recently approved general plans for the meeting.

In an effort to get more laymen involved, the committee decided that any pastor attending the seminar would be asked to bring one or two laymen to participate.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary - treasurer of the commission, explained that scheduling of the seminar broke a long-standing commission practice of conducting a conference on national issues every other year, saying "the seriousness of the hour and the need for practical solutions made it necessary" to have seminars two years in a row.

Valentine added that the meeting was scheduled as a part of the commission's response to the recent "Statement Concerning the Crisis In Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

Emphasizing the seminar's significance Valentine said, "This is not a meeting to talk about sociological problems, it is rather a conference designed to help Southern Baptists find Christian answers to such critical problems affecting human lives as violence, unemployment, underemployment, poor housing, and substandard education."

Did you ever know a person who had religion who refused to go to church? Neither did we.—Religious Telescope.

Greene-Wayne Calls Missionary

Rev. Wilson W. Boggan has begun his new duties as superintendent of missions for Greene and Wayne Counties, with his office in First Church, Waynesboro. He had been missionary in George County the past two years.

Mr. Boggan, a Simpson County native, received the B.A. degree from John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and attended Southwestern Seminary, and the Chaplain School at Harvard University.

Ordained to the gospel ministry in 1938 by his home church, Macedonia, Mendenhall, he served as a student missionary, and for a time as pastor, in the Ozarks, and came back to Mississippi as pastor in the early forties. During World War II he was chaplain in the U.S. Army, and received a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

After a pastorate in Oklahoma, he worked with the Home Mission Board, SBC, from 1948 until 1965, with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians in Oklahoma.

Under the advice of his doctor, he left the work with the Indians in 1965. He accepted a call as pastor of Hurley Church, Jackson County, Miss.

Mrs. Boggan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allbritton of Moss Point. The Boggans have four children. Their son, Richard, is pastor at Benndale, Miss.



Rev. W. W. Boggan



SINGING CHURCHMEN SINGS FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST MUSIC CONFERENCE

The Singing Churchmen of Mississippi are to sing at the Southern Baptist Music Conference at New Orleans Seminary, June 9-10, 1969.

Other singing engagements are as follows:

They have been invited to sing this year for the Men's Rally on Monday night at 7:30, Nov. 11, and again for the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Tuesday morning, Nov. 12, 11:15 A. M.

On February 4, at Gulfshore Assembly, the Singing Churchmen will sing at the evening session of the Evangelistic Conference.

October 16-25, 1969 there will be a Singing Churchmen Tour and Music Seminar in Nashville. The emphasis will be on the Music Seminar, Baptist Sunday School Board, which is planned exclusively for Mississippi ministers of music. The number is limited to 40. "First Come Basis." This is a most unusual training opportunity. In addition to the seminar, they will sing about 10 times—five times in Nashville. They will assemble in Jackson on Thursday afternoon, October 16, for rehearsals and then leave for Nashville on Friday, singing enroute. The seminar begins Monday P.M. and concludes on Friday noon. The group will return the following Saturday, thus being away from their churches one Sunday. The total cost probably will range from \$100.00 to \$125.00. This event is going to be a real treat for 40 men. Your church will benefit greatly if it sends you.

Dr. Killinger To Keynote Student Mission Conference

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dr. John C. Killinger Jr., professor of theology and literature at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, has been named keynote speaker for the 1969 Student Mission Conference at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The annual conference will be held February 21, 22 and 23, 1969. Approximately 1,000 students from the eastern United States attend each year. In 1968 more than 80 colleges in 16 states were represented. The students will ar-

rive at the seminary Friday, February 21, and remain through a Sunday morning service on February 23.

Included in conference activities will be several dramatic presentations, a film dialogue, seminars with missions leaders and a talkback session with mission-board personnel.

Theme for the weekend conference will be "What the World Needs Now." Chairman of the conference is John H. Burrows, a second-year theology student from Montgomery, Alabama.



"Devotional Talks On Everyday Objects"

Some of the suggested attention-getters in **Devotional Talks on Everyday Objects** are exhibited by Mrs. Lynn Patton and the author, Robert J. Hastings, editor of **THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST**. Dr. Hastings credits some of the inspirational ideas for his latest Broadman book to Mrs. Patton, a Junior department superintendent in University Baptist Church, Carbondale, Ill., where he was formerly pastor. **Devotional Talks on Everyday Objects** contains 27 suggestions in 136 pages for devotional messages or worship programs for any age group, each complete with suitable hymns and a prayer. Priced at \$3.25, this Broadman title is now on sale at Baptist and general book stores.

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24 YEARS WITH BYRAM

Sunday, October 20th, will mark the 24th year that Rev. Henry J. Bennett has served the Byram Church as pastor.

This year has been the greatest in advancements and accomplishments. In March, a new music director's home was completed, debt-free and dedicated. Later, wall to wall carpeting and new, modern, cushioned pews were installed in the church. These are debt-free and will be dedicated Oct. 20, Homecoming Sunday. Also on this Sunday, the church plans to vote to purchase a new standard A. G. O. Conn organ that has been recently installed. Long-range planning includes a youth activity building to be started in the coming year.

On the last Sunday of the church year, attendance of 400 was reached in Sunday school. There are 610 enrolled. Training Union attendance ran over 200. Church membership stands at 821. There were 56 new members

El Paso "Encuentro" Crusade Captures Border City Spotlight

EL PASO, Tex. (BP)—Fiesta Chamizal spirit was upstaged by the Holy Spirit in the border town of El Paso this week as more than 100 people made decisions for Christ at the "Encuentro" Spanish-language crusade.

The Chamizal celebration commemorates the end of a long-standing border dispute between the U.S. and Mexico, but under the tent on the El Paso coliseum grounds, the relationship between modern man and the eternal God was being settled.

Texas Baptist evangelist Rudy Hernandez set the crusade theme on the opening night when he lamented man's rebellion before God. "But even so—God loves us,"

by baptism and 52 by letter.

An outstanding program has been planned for Homecoming, and "dinner on the grounds" will be served at the church. A welcome is extended to all.

he added. Enthusiastic audiences ranging from 700 to 775 packed the tent each night from Sept. 28-Oct. 4 to hear the diminutive preacher.

"Competition from the wrestling matches in the coliseum, the Shrine Circus nearby and the Fiesta Chamizal did not hurt us," Hernandez stated. "In fact, I like to think that we became a part of the Fiesta Chamizal, in that we as Christians celebrate the ending of our enmity with God through Christ's atonement — our personal treaty with Christ.

The music ministry was led by Rudy Hernandez Jr. (no relation to the evangelist) and Ray Robles, both of Los Angeles, Calif. Musical highlight of the meetings was the powerful rendition of "Cuan Grande Es El" (How Great Thou Art) by Robles and the crusade choir.

The revival was sponsored by the El Paso Baptist association through the 17 Spanish-speaking churches and missions in the area.

O God, who has folded back the mantle of the night to clothe us in the golden glory of the day, chase from our hearts all gloomy thoughts, and make us glad with the brightness of hope, that we may effectively aspire to unworldly virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. — Bishop Charles H. Brent

Famous Composer To Be Featured In Church Music Institute

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Internationally-known musicologist Dr. Jean Berger will be one of four guest lecturers at the annual Church Music Institute October 21-24, at the School of Church Music of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Berger, this year's Greens Lecturer in Music at the Seminary and presently under appointment to the faculty of Temple Buell College in Denver, Colorado, is widely acclaimed for his numerous compositions, and scholarly research.

He studied musicology at the Universities of Heidelberg and Vienna and received his Ph.D. from the former. He has performed, as an organist, pianist, and choral conductor



James C. Austin

Southern Alumni To Meet At Woodland Hills

Dr. Levon Moore, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, has announced that Southern Seminary alumni will hold their reunion during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at 12:30 p. m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 in Woodland Hills Church, Jackson. Pastor Moore is president of the state alumni group.

James C. Austin, associate director of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism Endowment Fund campaign at the seminary, will represent the Louisville school at the alumni meeting.

The seminary has eight students from Mississippi enrolled this fall and 57 alumni in the state.

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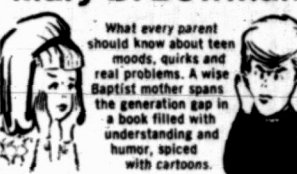
Seminary Names New Staffers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has named both a new assistant to the president and its first full-time news director.

Robert D. Meade, pastor of McCarthy Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo., is the new assistant to the president, succeeding John Goodwin who resigned to return to the pastorate. Meade is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Midwestern Seminary.

Timothy J. Fields of Salina, Kan., fills the newly-created position of news director, and will be responsible for news dissemination, associate editor of The Spire, and campus photographer.

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Father Congratulates Son

Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor of Hillcrest, Jackson, preached the ordination sermon on September 15 when Pelahatchie Church ordained Rev. Jerry Clark to the gospel ministry. Jerry, at left above, is receiving the ordination certificate and congratulations from his father, Dale Clark, deacon in the Pelahatchie Church. A staff minister with Youth for Christ, and a recent graduate of Mississippi College, he plans to enter seminary next year. Rev. Bob Maddux is the Pelahatchie pastor.



Flag Chapel Breaks Ground

FLAG CHAPEL CHURCH, Hinds County broke ground for their new sanctuary on September 15. The men in the picture make up the building, finance, and furnishing committees. They are left to right: Billy Therrell, associate pastor, Paul Blackeney, Earl Pounds, Eddie McMahan, James Williams, Hershal Jowers, Rev. Don Nerren, pastor, Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions for Hinds County, and B. L. Phillips. Not pictured: Tom Purnell, Garvis Eaves, Charles Burton, Mrs. Faye Phillips, Mrs. Hershal Jowers, and Mrs. Linda Nerren.



Laugh-In-Week-In

BMC Plans High School Days

Blue Mountain College freshmen leaders plan high school days, November 9-10: Making plans for delegating duties to 13 special committees of their host class, these officers of the current Freshman Class, and their sponsor, list names and addresses with Zip Code checking for the Invitations Committee. Seated, left, Miss Mari Hubbard of New Albany, associate professor of Physical Education, sponsor; and Sandra Priddy of Forrest City, Ark., president. Standing, left to right, Susan Clower of London, Ark., vice-president; Vicki Herrington of Rayville, La., secretary; and Sandra Williams of Clarksdale, Miss., treasurer. Thirty-three North Mississippi freshmen will serve on committees for "LAUGH-IN-Week-In," theme of Blue Mountain's High School Days.



New Choctaw Sunday School Convention Elects Officers

The forty-third annual New Choctaw Association Sunday School Convention was held September at the Macedonia Church, Conehatta. The officers of the Convention for 1968-69 are shown, left-right: (Front row) Miss Geneva Allen, secretary, (second row) Houston Allen, President; Homer Gibson, Vice-Pres., and Thomas Ben, Publicity Chairman; (back row) Woodrow Billie, Treasurer; Calvin Gibson, Chorister; and Londale Nickey, pianist.

"All Nationalities Day" In Lancaster, California

One Sunday the Olivet Southern Baptist Church of Lancaster, California, had five honored guests of widely varied ancestry — Japanese, Chinese, East Indian, Nigerian, and Iranian. The occasion was their All Nationalities Day. Pastor M. E. Wyatt said, "Our purpose is to declare that Christianity is for every person of any race or nationality and that all are invited to our church."

Henry Ikemoto brought the message that morning. He and his wife are graduates of Baylor University. He told of the hatred he felt when he and all the Japanese in America were deprived of their possessions and put into camps after the attack on Pearl Harbor. But, in the camp with him was a Japanese Baptist preacher. His testimony of love for others in spite of the treatment they had received led Henry to accept Christ, and his resentment changed to love. Henry is now a Los Angeles County probation officer and Sunday School superintendent in the Gardena-Torrence Southern Baptist Church.

Lawrence Wong, of Chinese descent, became a Christian as a result of the Foreign Mission Board's work in Hawaii, before it became a state. He came to the mainland and attended Ouchita Baptist University in Arkansas. Now he teaches social science in high school and also belongs to the Gardena-Torrence Church.

The special music for this special service was presented by Miss Grace Murphy from India. She accepted Christ as her Saviour after she was adopted by a Christian family living in India. Later she came to the United States to attend California Baptist College at Riverside.

Two more foreign students of this new college gave their testimonies that day. Bob Blackie told of being won to the Lord through Baptist' mission work in Nigeria. And a young lady from Iran said she had been saved since coming to the school.

That was a memorable day for Olivet Baptist Church; but, in some respects, every

day in California is an "All Nationalities Day." The Baptist state convention and the Home Mission Board are working together to proclaim the Gospel to sixteen different language groups who live throughout the state.

All of California's one thousand churches and missions face many challenges in this our fastest growing state. Brother and Mrs. Wyatt moved to Lancaster in May, 1965. Brother Wyatt says,

"When we arrived, the people were anxious to locate land for a building. After buying a piece of property, it took more than a year to get our plans approved. But God was directing us, for, meanwhile, a freeway approach was rerouted right through our church site! Now we have sold this property for three times what we paid for it, bought a new piece, and finally started our building! God knows more ways than one to supply the

needs of those who trust and wait on Him.

"The church was richly blessed by our All Nationalities Day. We saw the fruits of our Cooperative Program dollars invested in Christian education, foreign and home missions."

Your Cooperative Program gifts also helped produce these fruits. And they will yield many more as you help carry the Gospel to people of many backgrounds in California.

CALLED TO CALVARY AT SMITHDALE

Rev. G. Roland Rabon, for the last two years and four months pastors of Mt. Zion Church, Clarke County, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church, Smithdale.

Mr. Rabon has previously served as pastor of Center Hill Church, Raleigh. He attended Mississippi College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from William Carey College. Presently he is enrolled in New Orleans Seminary in his second year of study toward the Master of Theology degree.

He is married to the former Rosilian Hunt of Biloxi, also a graduate of William Carey College. The couple expect their first child in late November.



Rev. G. R. Rabon

Eastlawn Church Ordains Deacon

On October 2, Eastlawn Church of Pascagoula ordained James Houston as deacon.

Houston is serving as chairman of the Church Music Committee and Director of Young People's Training Union Department. He has led singing in the church worship service as well as being a member of the church choir.

The ordination was led by the active deacons of the church, assisted by the interim pastor, Rev. Paul S. Kirke.

LITTLEJOHN RETURNS FROM OHIO

Thomas Littlejohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Littlejohn of Pontotoc, served in Ohio as a summer missionary with the Home Mission Board. During the ten weeks he worked in six churches doing VBS, survey and revival work. He says, "The great need is NOW, the compelling call is NOW, and our response must be made NOW."

Thomas, a student at Mississippi College, is interested in supply work or an interim pastorate. His mailing address is Box 749, Clinton, Mississippi, 39056.

Rev. Larry Maxey of New Albany is his pastor.

The automobile does not take people away from church against their will.

Genuine faith is assuring, insuring, and enduring.

DEVOTIONAL

Veiled Hilltops

By Rowe C. Holcomb, Pastor, First, Hazlehurst

Psalms 121: 1, Song of Ascents, opens, "I lift up mine eyes unto the hills."

A missionary told of visiting the area of Mount Everest. He scaled a lower peak across the valley, hoping for an early morning glimpse of the sun's first glow on Everest. The vantage point had a guest register for signatures and remarks. Opposite names were such remarks as: "A real London fog"; "Such a cloud is common back home"; "Another sucker for the tourist trade"; "But, where one saw it, comments were: 'Exquisite'; 'Beyond description'; 'Heaven's gold aglow'."

Mount Sinai, the Mount of Transfiguration, and the Hilltop of Calvary were each cloud-covered. What is your comment as you view these elevations?

Midst thunderings and lightning, veiled Sinai caused fearful people to quake, though Moses descended from the cloud with Heaven's sheen upon his countenance and the greatest ethical, moral, and religious code of conduct in his hands ever given any race of people.

In August, 1883, the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa, an island between Sumatra and Java, caused noctilucent clouds that lingered and glowed each evening like the ancient Pillar of Fire. This doesn't compare to the Mount of Transfiguration in Luke 9: 34, "A cloud overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud. There came a voice out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my beloved Son; hear him.'" Peter, James, and John saw Moses of ancient Sinai and Elijah, who experienced the chariot of fire. Overshadowed by this noctilucent cloud, they were overwhelmed with fear, but were overjoyed with God's message.

When the eye of day closed at high noon, the hilltop of Calvary was clouded for three hours. Heaven's canopy refused to light a single lamp, causing caravans to halt or grope along.

Deaths differ—Isaac's reconciled sons came to him; Jacob's twelve stalwart sons gathered for his final words; Aaron transferred his priestly robe to his eldest son; Samson struck the enemy a final blow; but, our Lord went from Gethsemane to Gabbatha, to Golgotha strangely alone.

Don't let Satan blind your eyes, nor confuse you by man-made clouds of criticism. Jesus, who died, arose to dry the tears of Mary; warm the hearts of the Emmaus villagers; banish the doubts of Thomas; renew the vows of Peter, and feed new multitudes on the true manna from above.

Names In The News

Dr. Joe Cothen, professor at New Orleans Seminary and former pastor of Alta Woods, Jackson, has accepted the interim pastorate of First Church, Gulfport.

Clark Mashburn was ordained Sunday, October 6, as a deacon at Pelahatchie Church. Rev. Bob Maddux, pastor.

Nesbit Church, DeSoto County, is in the process of bricking the new educational building. The church celebrated its tenth anniversary on October 13.

Meadow Brook Mission, DeSoto Association, has almost completed the first building on their new site.

First Church, Moss Point, paid off their debt on schedule, Sept. 29. Special services were held Oct. 6. Dr. W. L. Stagg, former pastor, preached at the morning service. Following lunch at the church, Rev. Dennis Conniff spoke at the afternoon hour.

Rev. Robert L. Louk is interim pastor of the Martin Bluff Chapel in Jackson County Association.

Dr. W. H. Jackson, Jr., has been named Assistant to the President for the Evangelism Center at the New Orleans Seminary, according to an announcement by Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman. Jackson, a missionary to Japan since 1951, will serve as Director of the Evangelism and Research Center located on the campus. This Center will combine the efforts of the departments of evangelism and missions so as to have an Evangelism Research Center that will utilize tested methods of successful areas and increasingly teach them to students.

Rev. and Mrs. Mack P. Jones, missionaries on furlough from Paraguay, are now studying at New Orleans Seminary (address: 4230 Iroquois St., Apt. 329, New Orleans, La. 70126). He is a native of Waynesboro, Miss., she, the former Marie Martin, was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., and lived there and in

Brooklyn and Leaksville while growing up. Mr. Jones was pastor of First Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, Ore., when they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963.

Alvin Lack and Cecil Lawless were ordained as deacons at First Church, Crystal Springs, on Sunday, October 6. Rev. A. Estus-Mason is pastor.

Robert C. (Louie) Lang recently received the Boy Scout God and Country Award, in a service at First Church, Crystal Springs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lang.

THREE GET 5-YEAR PINS

First Church, Collinsville, has awarded pins to three persons for five years' perfect attendance in Sunday school. They are Ginger Roberts, Connie Hitt, and Craig Hitt.

Eight others received pins, for less than five years perfect attendance.

Rev. J. M. Snowden is the pastor.

FARRELL CALLS JOHN CROSBY

Rev. John W. Crosby has been called as pastor by Farrell Missionary Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and pastored churches in Georgia, Texas, and the Walnut Church in Quitman County Association, in Mississippi. For the past two and a half years he and Mrs. Crosby have been living in Clarksdale, where they have been active members of the Clarksdale Church.

Mr. Crosby has been working with the Farrell Church since June of this year. Until 1965 this church was affiliated with the North American Baptist Association. Then they became independent until they voted unanimously to become associated with Southern Baptists in August 1968.

Under Mr. Crosby's leadership the church has been almost fully organized and they are participating in the activities of the Riverside Association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The business of the church is to get rid of evil, not to supervise it.



17,000th Church Library

NASHVILLE—W. L. Howse (center), director of the education division, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Wayne E. Todd (right), secretary of the board's church library department, present Don Wilson with free materials for his church's new library. Wilson is pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., which added the 17,000th library to the board's records.—BSS PHOTO



1ST, PASCAGOULA

Four In WMU Over Fifty Years

The WMU of First Church, Pascagoula, began the new year's activities with a coffee for all the women of the church.

Main feature of the morning was the recognition of women who had been members of the WMU for over 50 years. Four women (pictured above), were present to receive corsages: Mrs. Henry Gautier, Mrs. C. H. Gray, Mrs. C. W. Martin, and Mrs. S. B. McIlwain. The measure of service these women have given down through the years cannot be told in words. "Hearts the Lord hath opened" for more than 200 years of missionary activities!

Every woman on the church roll was invited to the coffee with the hope of enlisting as many as possible for mission study and mission activities. The coffee was given in the home of Mrs. Tom Thornhill. The house was beautifully decorated with late summer and early fall flowers, and despite a real downpour—the first good rain the coast has had in many months—many women attended.

Mrs. B. W. Stokes, who is the daughter of Mrs. S. B. McIlwain, is WMU Director; Mrs. C. A. McDaniel is president of the WMS; and Mrs. Tom Thornhill, WMS director.

Rev. Clark McMurray is the pastor.

Off The Record

A city man crawled over a fence, only to find himself in a pasture with a vicious-looking bull. "Hey, there!" he called to a farmer. "Is this bull safe?" "He sure is," answered the farmer. "A lot safer than you are."

Having been married 20 years, a couple decided to celebrate by taking a little trip. While talking over their plans one evening, the husband now and then glanced into the next room where a little old lady sat knitting. "The only thing," he finally said in a hushed voice, "is that for once I'd like to be by ourselves. I'd like to take this trip without your mother."

"My mother!" exclaimed the wife. "I thought she was your mother!"



SINGING IN SIMPSON

The Simpson County Singing Convention will be held at Dry Creek Church on the third Sunday in October. The public is invited.